

# Tennessee Tiered Supports Center: RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B District Model of Demonstration Program for 2022-2023

## Who is the Tennessee TSC?

Tennessee Tiered Supports Center (Tennessee TSC) provides technical assistance to build local capacity to implement and align Tennessee's frameworks for student support, RTI<sup>2</sup>-A and RTI<sup>2</sup>-B. We partner with district leaders and implementers to improve infrastructures and practices that allow the frameworks to work together—as **RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B**—rather than in isolation.

## What is the RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B District Model of Demonstration Program?

The RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B District Model of Demonstration Program is meant to recognize outstanding school districts in Tennessee that have engaged in the hard work of aligning their separate frameworks so they operate together as RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B. The term RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B connects Tennessee's student support frameworks and represents how tiered supports are intended to work together, side by side. Tennessee TSC, along with the Tennessee Department of Education, will celebrate school districts that have invested in their leadership, made changes to practices, and worked toward one-year goals to provide aligned and comprehensive student supports.

## Which districts are eligible for recognition this year?

Districts which have partnered with the Tennessee TSC during the 2022-2023 school year will be eligible for a recognition award meant for initial stages of implementation: **RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B Groundbreakers Award**. A district establishes a partnership by signing an Agreement of Collaboration with Tennessee TSC and engages with our center's comprehensive technical assistance and training.

## What district actions will be recognized by the RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B District Model of Demonstration Program for the 2022 – 2023 school year?

As suggested by the term **RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B Groundbreakers Award**, districts will be recognized for their initial actions, planning, decisions, and hard work that led to *breaking new ground* while aligning their RTI<sup>2</sup>-A and RTI<sup>2</sup>-B frameworks. Tennessee TSC will recognize sustainable district-level work to align RTI<sup>2</sup>-A and RTI<sup>2</sup>-B into a unified model, RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B.

## What are the criteria for district recognition?

Recognition criteria are based on a district's commitment to RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B alignment through the achievement of specific benchmarks. District Groundbreaker Benchmarks include partnering with Tennessee TSC to form a District Leadership Team, completing the District Capacity Assessment – Tennessee twice annually, developing an initial District Implementation Plan, attending Tennessee TSC trainings, and providing support to School Leadership Teams.

After we determine that a partnering district meets these benchmarks, we will invite the district to apply for recognition. The application will ask the district to share examples of *breaking new ground* towards RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B implementation, including examples of progress towards one-year goals established in the RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B District Implementation Plan.

## When will districts be recognized?

Districts will be invited to apply for **RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B** recognition at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Recognition will be announced in early Fall 2023.



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### **How will districts be recognized and celebrated?**

Tennessee TSC will recognize districts in meaningful ways, including: social media posts and celebrations, announcements at conferences and meetings supported by Tennessee Department of Education, press packets (e.g., letter for press and school board meetings, graphic for use in signature line and social media posts), and statewide newsletters.

### **How will districts apply for recognition?**

Tennessee TSC collects implementation data and evidence on an ongoing basis, so the application process for District Leadership Teams is minimal. Tennessee TSC will invite partnering districts meeting district benchmarks to apply for recognition. Then, districts will complete an application for recognition by sharing information and examples of *breaking new ground* to advance RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B implementation. Districts should expect to share information about progress toward one-year goals during the 2022-2023 school year.

### **How will individual schools be recognized?**

Tennessee TSC is working on a district-sustained RTI<sup>2</sup>-A + RTI<sup>2</sup>-B School Recognition Program. Additional information on school recognition is forthcoming.